

## LESSON

**13**

## RETEACHING WORKSHEET

**Summarizing**

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**Review Summarizing** is a brief retelling, in your own words, of the main ideas in a piece of writing. To summarize, preview the piece and then read it carefully, asking yourself *who, what, where, when, why, and how* questions. Then write a shorter version of the information in your own words.

**A. Directions:** Preview the passage to find the topic and main ideas. Then **answer** the questions below on the lines provided.

**MARCHING TO THE SAME DRUMMER**

Valley View Elementary School students should be required to wear school uniforms. First, uniforms save money. The average uniform costs \$50 and students need only two per year. This is a huge savings when compared to piles of \$75 jeans and \$50 T-shirts kids now need to look cool in school. Second, school uniforms cut down on clothes competition. They help everyone fit in and not be mocked because they are not dressed like kids in magazine ads. Last and most important, school uniforms help make the school safer. Intruders are easily recognized because they are not wearing the right clothing. For these reasons, I think a clothing uniform policy should put into effect at Valley View Elementary School.

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1. What is the topic? the main idea? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**B. Directions:** Read the passage again. **Identify** *Who? What? When? Where? Why? and How?* **Complete** the summary by filling in the blanks.

2. In an article called 2. “\_\_\_\_\_”  
the author 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
states the main idea that 4. \_\_\_\_\_.  
The first reason is 5. \_\_\_\_\_.  
The second reason is 6. \_\_\_\_\_.  
The third reason is 7. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Of these three reasons, the author argues that 8. \_\_\_\_\_  
is the most important.